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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of December 28, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached amendments¹⁾ be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 8 and 10 to 22 as set forth in Appendix I of this paper are now pending in this case. Claims 3 and 9 have been canceled, Claims 1, 2 and 4 to 6 have been amended, and Claims 12 to 22 have been added as indicated in the listing of the claims.

Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to read on the subject matter of Claim 3 and Claims 4, 5 and 6 have been revised correspondingly. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form, and new Claims

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¹⁾ Cf. the Claim Amendments set forth in Appendix I on pages 5 and 6 of this paper.